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**Electronic Filing Expanded to Accommodate 99 Percent of Businesses**

**OLYMPIA**, Wash., April 8, 2002—Ninety-nine percent of Washington businesses now qualify to file and pay their state taxes online using the Department of Revenue's free electronic filing service.

Beginning this month, the agency has added public utility taxpayers to the list of those who can use the error-checking powers of Electronic Filing (ELF). Nearly 17,000 businesses now use ELF, with 900 of them opting to use the service for the first time in March. More than \$1.7 billion in state taxes have been paid through ELF since the inception of the program in 1998.

Only a handful of businesses, such as those paying car rental tax or claiming certain credits, don't yet qualify to file electronically. The agency is working to add those remaining areas to the online system as quickly as possible.

"ELF is helping more taxpayers get it right the first time," agency Director Will Rice said.

He said ELF helps both businesses and the Department of Revenue work more efficiently because the system flags potential errors or omissions for review before the taxpayer files the return. That saves businesses time they otherwise would spend responding to Revenue requests for additional information.

For more information, please visit <http://dor.wa.gov> and click on Electronic Filing (ELF) or call 1-800-647-7706.

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